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**2009 REGATTABAR JAZZ FESTIVAL LINE-UP ANNOUNCED,
INCLUDES GRAMMY-NOMINATED WILSON**

CAMBRIDGE, MA (January 29, 2009): Regattabar, the renowned jazz institution in **The Charles Hotel** in the heart of Harvard Square, announces the line-up for its **2009 Regattabar Jazz Festival**. The 24th year of this festival begins on **February 6, 2009** with a three-month schedule of artists including Grammy-nominated **Cassandra Wilson** and **John Scofield**, and Grammy-winner **McCoy Tyner**.

"The experience you get while watching these musicians perform in this intimate club is truly one-of-a-kind," says **Alex Attia**, General Manager of The Charles Hotel. "This year's line-up is again outstanding, and I am honored to be able to share this with our local community and guests."

In conjunction with the festival, The Charles Hotel is offering the "**All That Jazz**" overnight room package, which includes:

- Overnight accommodations for two in one of the hotel's deluxe guest rooms, featuring custom signature quilts with 316-count striped damask linens and sumptuous down duvets, DVD players, BOSE Wave Radios and the unique Séura in-mirror televisions.
- Two tickets to an evening show.
- A copy of the Regattabar CD, a compilation of hits from performers who have graced its stage since opening in 1985.
- A signed copy of Bob Blumenthal's book, *Jazz: An Introduction to the History and Legends Behind America's Music*.

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- Breakfast for two at the hotel's restaurant, Henrietta's Table, recently named "Best Farm to Table Restaurant" by *Gourmet* magazine.

The "All That Jazz" package starts at \$319.00 per room, per night, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes and gratuities. The package is valid when a Regattabar show is scheduled, based on availability, and must be booked one week prior. Please call The Charles Hotel at 617.864.1200 or 1.800.882.1818 to make reservations, or visit www.charleshotel.com for more information.

Headliners for the 2009 Regattabar Jazz Festival include:

Dhafer Youssef//February 10//7:30PM - \$15
 Patricia Barber//February 11//7:30PM - \$25 & 10:00PM - \$22
 Jack Donahue//February 12//7:30PM - \$20
 Vusi Mahlasela//February 13//7:30PM - \$24
 Ernestine Anderson//February 14//7:30PM & 10:00PM - \$25
 Kevin Hays – CD Release Show//February 17//7:30PM - \$15
 Freddy Cole//February 25//7:30PM & 10:00PM - \$25
 BeauSoleil//February 26//7:30PM & 10:00PM - \$25
 McCoy Tyner Trio with special guest TBA//February 27//7:30PM - \$38 & 10:00PM - \$35
 Bad Touch featuring Loren Stillman//March 3//7:30PM - \$12
 Stanley Sagov & the Remembering the Future Jazz Band//March 4//7:30PM - \$20
 Andy McKee//March 5//7:30PM - \$12
 Obbini Tumbao//March 7//7:30PM & 10:00PM - \$18
 John Hammond, Jr.//March 12//7:30PM & 10:00PM - \$20
 Cassandra Wilson // March 20 & 21 // 7:30PM - \$38, 10:00PM - \$35
 Kenny Barron Trio//March 26 & 27//7:30PM - \$25 & 10:00PM - \$22
 Jenny Scheinman//March 28//7:30PM - \$20
 John Scofield Piety Street Band//April 3 & 4//7:30PM - \$28 & 10:00PM - \$25
 Grace Kelly//April 16//7:30PM - \$20

For additional listings and tickets for all Regattabar shows, please visit www.regattabarjazz.com or call 617.395.7757.

About Regattabar and The Charles Hotel

The Regattabar opened on January 29, 1985 and since then it has become the leading jazz club not only in Boston, but in New England as well. *Boston* magazine bestowed its "Best of Boston Award" thirteen times naming The Regattabar "Best Jazz Club" and in 1998 inducted The Regattabar into its "Best of Boston Hall of Fame." The Regattabar has also been named "Best Jazz Club" by both the *Boston Phoenix* and the *Improper Bostonian*.

The Charles Hotel, Harvard Square is an independent luxury hotel and a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts. The AAA Four-Diamond award-winner may be the only hotel in the world to welcome Noble Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, Academy Award winners, jazz greats and New England farmers. In 2005, The Charles was named "Best Hotel, General Excellence" by *Boston* magazine.

Reflecting the eclecticism that is Cambridge, The Charles Hotel is a modern interpretation of New England hospitality with a thriving jazz club, the Regattabar, two signature restaurants,

ice-skating rink (winter months only), state of the art conference facilities and a central location in the heart of Harvard Square. The hotel is home to Henrietta's Table, featuring "fresh and honest to goodness home cooking," and recently named one of "Americas Best Farm to Table Restaurants" by *Gourmet* and Rialto, one of the best restaurants in America [*Gourmet, Food & Wine, Esquire, et. al.*] Noir, the hotel's lounge, is on the first level of The Charles Hotel. Designed by Peter Niemitz to reflect the decadent atmosphere of 1940s nightlife, Noir's drink menu features a mix of classic cocktails and a bar menu perfect for late night or afternoon dining.

The hotel also boasts an adjacent urban spa, Le Pli and the Wellbridge Athletic Club with swimming pool. Special in-room amenities include the high-tech Bose Wave® radios, Séura in-mirror televisions and cordless phones, as well as two-line speakerphones with voice mail, PC and fax modem capabilities and DVD players.

Catering to internationally renowned business leaders, government officials, entertainment executives and leisure travelers alike, it's no wonder that the *New England Travel Guide* has designated The Charles as the best hotel to "stay put in" when visiting Boston.

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